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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
149th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE BILL NO. 166

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

1 Section 1. Amend § 709, Title 4 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strikethrough and
2 insertions as shown by underline as follows:

3 § 709. Prohibition of sales at certain times.

4 (b) No holder of a license for the sale of alcoholic liquors for off-premises consumption shall sell or deliver the
5 same on Thanksgiving, Easter or Christmas or between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on Mondays through
6 Saturdays, except as subsection (f) of this section may apply, and on Sundays before ~~noon~~10:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m.
7 Any municipality with a population of 50,000 or more may limit sales within the boundaries of the municipality pursuant to
8 this subsection to a maximum of 4 hours on Sundays as established by ordinance of the municipality. The closing hours for
9 days of the week other than Sunday may be made earlier in any municipality having a population of 50,000 or more
10 persons, by ordinance of the municipal corporation; provided however, that such ordinance be consistent with the Delaware
11 state and federal constitutions as well as treat all businesses fairly. During the months of October through December a
12 holder of a license for the sale of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption shall be permitted to have sales take place
13 beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Fridays through Saturdays ~~and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.~~

SYNOPSIS

This bill changes the times when the sale of alcoholic liquor for off-premises consumption may occur on Sundays to be from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.